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SURFACE ANTIGEN MUTANT AND  
METHODS OF DETECTION THEREOF

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Dear Sir:

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

With regard to the application identified above, Applicants hereby petition the Assistant Commissioner for Patents to extend the period for response to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers mailed on June 21, 2001, for one month from August 21, 2001 to September 21, 2001. Please charge Deposit Account No. 01-0025 in the amount of \$110.00 for the associated extension fee. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited, respectively, to the above numbered deposit account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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